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**STATE DEPARTMENT'S EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN DOCUMENTS IN LATIN AMERICAN AREA
REQUIREMENTS OF DRA/BI**

State's most urgent requirements with reference to the exploitation of foreign documents in the Latin American area can generally be met with the Department's existing facilities, including embassy resources, the language competence of its research staff, and occasional recourse to Departmental translating services. However, the proportion of manpower to resources that could profitably be exploited is such that supplemental efforts in this field, if carefully geared to current needs, might be of considerable value.

It is suggested that an experimental program be developed on the following selective basis.

A. Topics requiring coverage in all countries*

1. Meeting of ministers of finance or economy in Rio de Janeiro, November 1954 (a continuing study)
2. Current major issues in the UN, such as control of atomic energy and admission of communist China.
3. The recent change of government in Guatemala and current political developments in that country (comment, especially any expression of opinion referring to the United States, is desired).
4. The establishment of Soviet or pro-Soviet cultural institutes (any information or opinion).

B. Topics requiring coverage in specified countries only **

1. Communism and labor, as separate but related subjects, with emphasis a) in the case of communism, on evidences of strength, activity of front organizations, infiltration in government and noncommunist organizations, and relations with communists and communist organizations abroad, and b) in the case of labor, on legislation, organization, participation by labor in politics and policy-making, and government action affecting the labor movement. Countries to be covered for these two subjects: Guatemala, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, and Cuba.

* Topics are listed in order of priority

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2. a) Local industry, including electric power and b) trade and finance, both domestic and foreign. Specific topics of interest include under a) plans or projects for important industrial development, information on financial status and profitability of existing plants, including balance sheets of major enterprises, and policy statements by major officials; under b) information on domestic trading practices (cooperatives, installment buying, regulation on retail and wholesale operations, etc.), indication of significant changes in foreign trade policies, structure of trade organizations and their relation to both the government and private sectors of the economy. Countries: Guatemala, Argentina, and Chile.
3. Organization of government, operations and relationships of government agencies, political party organization and activity, local and regional government and the relationship of these levels to the national government. Guatemala, Costa Rica, Argentina, and Uruguay.
4. Names and positions of middle ranking government and party officials. (Information would be most useful if presented in the form of lists divided into ministries, branches of government administration, and political parties. Information should be present at frequent but not necessarily regular intervals.) Countries: Brazil, Bolivia, and Chile.

C. Special country requirements

1. Bolivia

Data on organizational structure, membership strength, leadership and principal aims of the following front groups and targets of Communist infiltration in Bolivia are especially needed in the immediate future: Juventud Comunista de Bolivia, Organizacion Militar Roja (possibly no longer active), Gesta Barbara, Confederacion Universitaria Boliviana and component university federations, and National Federation of Teachers (Bolivian name unknown)

2. Brazil

- a. Reports and comments on leaders, strength, and organization of political parties in all states and in the Federal District.
- b. Name and political party of victorious candidates for state and national office in October 1954 elections.
- c. Representation and leadership of the various political parties in the national congress.

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d. Speeches by party leaders in the national congress on:

Administration economic policies

- anti-inflation measures
- changes in petroleum legislation
- US financial assistance to Brazil
- government assistance to agriculture
- need for labor legislation
- anti-Communist legislation and enforcement
- US-Brazil military accord
- role of the military in government
- reform of the electoral law

3. Chile

The finances and fund raising activities of all political parties, new party coalitions, and the attitude of the new coalitions toward the administration.

4. Uruguay

Activities of Argentine exiles, evidences of Peronist penetration in labor, economic, political and military circles, and anti-US and "Third Position" activities.

It is believed that this program would be most useful if information, except as otherwise noted, is prepared in the form of brief abstracts with occasional significant extracts and presented on a biweekly basis.

The sources that have been listed as now being exploited in FDD are obviously inadequate to meet the requirements set forth here. It has been assumed that additional newspapers, periodicals, etc. can be obtained. State is prepared to make specific suggestions in this regard.